

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to reference a corresponding application by its serial number. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-15 remain in the application

Claims 1-15 have been amended in substantially the manner suggested by the Examiner in order to overcome the objections lodged against the claims.

The applicant's note with appreciation that claims 6 and 12 have been identified as being allowable over the prior art of record.

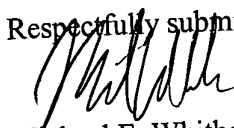
Claims 1-5 and 7-11 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Application 09/839,079, now allowed. Concurrently filed with this amendment is a terminal disclaimer which overcomes the rejection.

Based on the amendments above, and the concurrently filed terminal disclaimer, claims 1-12 should now be in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-12 at an early date is requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0563 (IBM Raleigh).

Respectfully submitted,



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